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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 11, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2585.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps, after receiving testimony from Gordon R. England, Secretary of the Navy; Admiral Vern Clark, U.S. Navy, Chief of Naval Operations; and General Michael W. Hagee, Commandant of the Marine Corps, U.S. Marine Corps.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded open and closed hearings to examine the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2005, focusing on the defense nuclear nonproliferation programs of the Department of Energy and the Cooperative Threat Reduction programs of the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Paul M. Longworth, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; and Lisa Bronson, Dep-

uty Under Secretary of Defense for Technology Security Policy and Counterproliferation.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower concluded a hearing to examine the proposed Department of Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005 and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on the posture of the U.S. Transportation Command, after receiving testimony from General John W. Handy, USAF, Commander, U.S. Transportation Command, U.S. Air Force; Major General Ann E. Dunwoody, USA, Commanding General, Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, U.S. Army; and Vice Admiral David L. Brewer III, USN, Commander, Military Sealift Command, U.S. Navy.

MUTUAL FUND INDUSTRY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee held hearings to examine current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry, receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; Lori A. Richards, Director, Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations, and Paul F. Royce, Director, Division of Investment Management, both of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; and Mary L. Schapiro, NASD, Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to the call of the chair.

ARGENTINA

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance concluded a hearing to examine Argentina's current economic and political situation, focusing on the bilateral relationship between the United States and Argentina, after receiving testimony from Roger F. Noriega, Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs; Randal K. Quarles, Assistant Secretary of Treasury for International Affairs; Adam Lerrick, Carnegie Mellon University Graduate School of Industrial Administration, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Michael Mussa, Institute of International Economics, Washington, D.C.

STEROIDS AND SPORTS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the scope of steroid use in professional and amateur sports, focusing on certain drug treatment and prevention programs, after receiving testimony from Senator Biden; Representative Sweeney; Allan H. Selig, Major League Baseball, Milwaukee, Wisconsin;

Donald M. Fehr, Major League Baseball Players Association, and Paul J. Tagliabue, National Football League, both of New York, New York; Eugene Upshaw, National Football League Players Association, Washington, D.C.; and Terrance P. Madden, United States Anti-Doping Agency, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

MARS EXPLORATION PROGRAM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology and Space concluded a hearing to examine NASA/Mars exploration program, focusing on the information learned from the recent landings of twin Mars Exploration Rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, after receiving testimony from Edward J. Weiler, Associate Administrator for Space Science, Orlando Figueroa, Director of Solar System Exploration, and James Garvin, Lead Scientist for Mars and Lunar Exploration Programs, all of National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1307, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to assist in the implementation of fish passage and screening facilities at non-Federal water projects, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1355, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the rehabilitation of the Wallowa Lake Dam in Oregon, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1421, to authorize the subdivision and dedication of restricted land owned by Alaska Natives, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 2696, to establish Institutes to demonstrate and promote the use of adaptive ecosystem management to reduce the risk of wildfires, and restore the health of fire-adapted forest and woodland ecosystems of the interior West; and

The nomination of Susan Johnson Grant, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy.

PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests to examine S. 1354, to resolve certain conveyances and provide for alternative land selections under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act related to Cape Fox Corporation and Sealaska Corporation, S. 1575 and H.R. 1092, bills to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of Federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada, S. 1778, to authorize a land conveyance between the United States and the

City of Craig, Alaska, S. 1819 and H.R. 272, bills to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries, and H.R. 3249, to extend the term of the Forest Counties Payments Committee, after receiving testimony from Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; Tom Lonnie, Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Mayor Dennis Watson, Craig, Alaska; Marilyn Blair, Cape Fox Corporation, Ketchikan, Alaska; Buck Lindekugel, Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, Juneau; and Dennis E. Wheeler, Coeur d'Alene Mines Corporation, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1904, to designate the United States courthouse located at 400 North Miami Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the "Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. United States Courthouse";

S. 2022, to designate the Federal building located at 250 West Cherry Street in Carbondale, Illinois the "Senator Paul Simon Federal Building"; and

S. 2043, to designate a Federal building in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as the "Ronald Reagan Federal Building".

EPA BUDGET

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed fiscal year 2005 budget request for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Michael O. Leavitt, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

U.S.-MIDDLE EAST ECONOMIC POLICY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States economic and trade policy in the Middle East, focusing on the impact of Free Trade Agreements (FTA), commercial diplomacy, private sector development and trade promotion, information technology for business development, financial reform and the development of capital markets, the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), and promotion of good business practices and improving the investment climate, after receiving testimony from Senator McCain; Grant D. Aldonas, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; Alan P. Larson, Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs; David L. Mack, Middle East Institute, and William A.

Maxwell, Hewlett-Packard Company, both of Washington, D.C.; and Doug Boisen, National Corn Growers Association, Minden, Nebraska.

NONPROLIFERATION AND ARMS CONTROL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine nonproliferation and arms control issues, focusing on strategic choices, weapons of mass destruction (WMD), and the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, after receiving testimony from William J. Perry, Stanford University Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford, California, former Secretary of Defense; Arnold Kanter, Scowcroft Group, Washington, D.C.; and Ashton B. Carter, Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

HAITI

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, and Narcotics Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the future of U.S.-Haitian relations, focusing on exit strategies and troop departure deadlines, free elections, and economic reforms, after receiving testimony from Senators DeWine and Graham (FL); Representatives Cummings, and Waters; Roger Noriega, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; Adolfo Franco, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development; James Dobbins, RAND Corporation, Lawrence Pezzullo, former U.S. Special Envoy to Haiti, Robert Maguire, Trinity College, and Michael Heintz, all of Washington, D.C.

INDIAN TRUST REFORM

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the proposed reorganization of major agencies and functions related to Indian trust reform matters within the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Senator Daschle; Dave Anderson, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, and Ross O. Swimmer, Special Trustee for American Indians, both of the Department of the Interior; Tex G. Hall, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.; Joe Shirley, Jr., Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; Edward K. Thomas, Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, Juneau; Harold Frazier, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Eagle Butte, South Dakota, on behalf of the Great

Plains Tribal Chairman's Association; and Clifford Lyle Marshall, Hoopa Valley Tribal Council, Hoopa, California.

FLAG DESECRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S.J. Res. 4, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, after receiving testimony from Daniel J. Bryant, Assistant Attorney General for Legal Policy, Department of Justice; Major General Patrick H. Brady, USA (Ret.), Citizens Flag Alliance, Inc., Sumner, Washington; Lawrence J. Korb, Center for American Progress, Washington, D.C., former Assistant Secretary of Defense; John Andretti, NASCAR Nextel Cup Series, Mooresville, North Carolina; Gary E. May, University of Southern Indiana, Evansville; and Richard D. Parker, Harvard University Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Peter W. Hall, of Vermont, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Leahy and Jeffords; Jane J. Boyle, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn; Marcia G. Cooke, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, who was introduced by Senator Bill Nelson; and Walter D. Kelley, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Allen, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SECTION 527 ORGANIZATIONS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the scope and operation of certain tax-exempt organizations registered under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code, focusing on their impact on campaign finance laws and federal elections, after receiving testimony from Senators Feingold and Senator McCain; Lawrence Noble, Center for Responsive Politics, Washington, D.C.; and Edward B. Foley, Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Columbus.